

## REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain in this application. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

The drawing figure is amended as noted above. Withdrawal of the requirement to label plug contacts 13 and transceiver unit 19 is requested, however, as it is unnecessary to label each and every element of a drawing. Attention is directed, for example, to elements 112 and 124 of U.S. Patent 6,603,394 to Raichle et al., discussed below.

The claim amendments above are made following consideration of the comments provided by the Examiner in section 2 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. All of the claims in this application now comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Independent claim 1 is rejected, along with various other claims, as anticipated by the Raichle et al. patent referred to above. Reconsideration is requested. The Raichle et al. communication module includes a voltage level translator 110 and a FPGA 114 or other programmable logic part, which, together, are identified as a “data protocol translator” by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted, however, that the Raichle et al. voltage level translator/FPGA “translator” identified by the Examiner does not perform the specific “converting” and “transferring” acts or operations now particularly required by claim 1 and, further, that the overall Raichle et al. module does not operate to transfer particular messages from a memory area over any of a

plurality of different vehicle data buses having a plurality of different message protocols to the data protocol converter as claim 1 now requires.

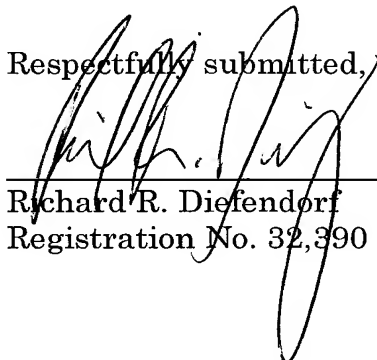
Claim 1 above is not anticipated by the Raichle et al. patent disclosure for reasons discussed. U.S. Patent 7,046,638 to Klausner et al. is relied on by the Examiner in combination with the Raichle et al. patent disclosure to reject claims 2 and 5. The Klausner et al. patent disclosure, however, fails to suggest modifying the Raichle et al. module to perform diagnosis and reprogramming by a method meeting the limitations referred to above, however, and claim 1 above is submitted to be patentable. The rest of the claims now in this application are dependent claims and are considered patentable as well.

This application should now be in allowable condition. If there are any questions regarding this Reply or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response. Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.53282US).

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Respectfully submitted,



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